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FROM MR. J. DAVENPORT. ¹

SR. I Received yours By Giles and do not hesitate a moment to Say I Gladly Embrace the offer of going to york for I like the Description of the plantation in every particular but that of the Marshes & that does not amount to 1/100 of an objection and as to the part of the Country I am Very fond of because I of Late Seem determed to marry and there I immagine I may probably meet with Some Girl that may make an agreeable Wife and in the Back woods there is Very few (of my Rank) that I think I Could live with at any Rate---

I Could not Sell the foder at any Rate. I got the tops and Cheif of Blades at the uper place and all at the Lower one is Lost by the frost to about 7 or 8 thousand C [obliterated] hills my hemp I have Roted all that grew at the uper place to about two acres and that Lies at the water Side & will be put in to day and By than that comes out Shall get that up from the other place and as I have made another pond I can put it all in at once I have found by Experience that your Observations on the Roting hemp are Very Just. only mine Stays in Longer I have Sent you down two parcels the course is of the Smallest Sort that Grew about the house was in the water 7 or 8 days the other is of that that grew near McCarmicks was in 8 ½ Days I have Broke about 100 lb by way of Trial and if we donot mend upon practice it will be Very Tedious the best hands not Breaking above 10lb. a day — The Tobacco you may depend I will Send down as Soon as possible Connell will be

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down next week I expect wth. the flour and the Next Trip Shall be the Tobaco or Sooner If I can get another waggon

I have a Little Corn bit by the frost am Sr. yr. Very Hbl. Sert. JO DAVENPORT

P. S. Colo. fairfax and I had Some talk about his placees in frederick. but did not agree. he left it to me to See whether I Could not better myself. and if not agreed to Leave it to you to Settle the Lay. But I prefer this place if it is to be had. and if it is Not perhaps I may Get the Colos. afterwards. & if I do not I Shall not much regard the disappointment

J D

I have thrashed about 50 Bushels of wheat Since you was up and Doubt it will not turn out So well as I Expected

The cow that was Left by the way was Left at old dods. and is one of the Best in the Stock. therefore I Should Suppose not fit Swap.

however if you think fit Send word by Connell and I will fetch her up immediately

1 A miller for many years employed by Washington as overseer.